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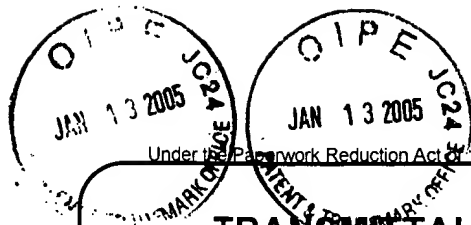
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Formal drawings - one sheet, figures 1 and 2

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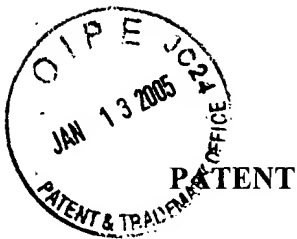
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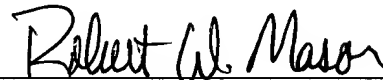
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated December 3, 2004 for the above referenced application, in which New Formal Drawings were required, according to the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review dated December 17, 2003, applicant hereby submits one (1) sheet (Figures 1 & 2) of Corrected Formal Drawings in compliance with the Draftperson's requirements.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the above referenced application proceed to issue and publication.

The Draftsperson or Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned for any reason that would advance the application to issue and publication.

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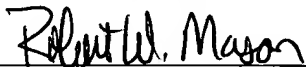


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